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Under Article 4. Treaty of 14<sup>th</sup> June 1866  
with Creek Indians.

The undersigned Robert Benjamin<sup>(36.)</sup>, a  
Freedman, and native of the Creek Nation,  
who enlisted as a soldier in the 2<sup>d</sup> Colored  
Regiment, and served therein during the latter  
part of the War of the Rebellion, being duly  
examined and sworn (he understanding and con-  
versing in the English language,) deposes and  
says: that whilst living on his place about eight  
miles from North Fork Town Creek Nation  
and some time during the month of July 1863  
he was compelled to leave his home, and abandon  
his property, by the Rebel troops under command  
of the Rebel General Cooper; that at the time  
he so fled his home, as aforesaid, he abandoned  
and left the following property, which he then  
owned and possessed; that the said property, so  
abandoned, was entirely lost to him, and he  
has never since recovered the same, or any part  
of the same, to-wit:-

Four (4) Horses	average value \$45 <sup>00</sup> each	\$180.00
One (1) Horse Colt		25.00
One (1) Mare	"	15.00
Two (2) Cows	1 valued at \$10 <sup>00</sup> & 1 at \$9 <sup>00</sup>	19.00
Two (2) Calves	@ \$5 <sup>00</sup> each	10.00
Amount carried Forward		\$249.00

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Amount brought forward \$249.00  
 Thirty (30) Hogs 4 valued at \$7<sup>00</sup> each, 8 valued at  
 \$8<sup>00</sup> each, 11 valued at \$11<sup>00</sup> each and 7 valued at \$3<sup>00</sup> each 157.00  
 One (1) Dwelling and Out houses 50.00  
 Three thousand (3000) Fence Rails 30.00  
 One hundred (100) bushels Corn. @ \$1<sup>00</sup> per bu 100.00  
 One (1) Garden of Vegetables 25.00  
 Sundry House furniture, Beds, Bedding } 62.25  
 Cooking utensils and table furniture }  
 making a total value of \$673.25  
 Six hundred and seventy three Dollars and  
 twenty five cents. And further this deponent  
 saith not.

Subscribed and Sworn to, before me  
 at the Creek Agency, C. N. this 4<sup>th</sup> day  
 of November A. D. 1869

Robert Benjamin his  
 X  
 mark

John Cook  
 Atty. Genl. Affairs  
 Southern Suplcy.

The undersigned John Cook and Buck  
 Cousins, Freedmen and natives of the Creek  
 Nation, loyal refugees, being, jointly, duly ex-  
 amined and sworn, (they understanding and con-  
 versing in the English language,) do depose  
 and say: that they have no personal or pecu-  
 niary interest, whatever, in the claim of Robert



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Benjamin, that they have heard read to them the foregoing affidavit, and know its contents, and that the same is true, and correct in every particular, except as to the knowledge of the affiant, Cook, relative to the two cows, valued at \$19<sup>00</sup> which he does not know of; that to their own knowledge the said Robert Benjamin did, at the time stated by him, own and possess the articles of property enumerated in his affidavit, except as to the knowledge of the two cows aforesaid, and that he did necessarily abandon and lose the same in the manner stated by him. And further these deponents saith not.

Subscribed and Sworn to, before  
me at the Creek Agency, C. A.  
this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1869

John Cook

his  
mark

Buck Cousin

his  
mark

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W. H. Oct. Inf. All Sept. Ind. Affs.  
For Sept. 4.



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## Award.

The loss of property specified above is deemed established by the foregoing testimony. Also, the status of claimant. The amount, claimed, however, is considered excessive. Upon inquiry it is found the values of the different kinds of property, at the time the loss occurred, ruled as follows:—

Horses:—	\$20.00 Each:—	
Colts:—	15.00 ..	
Leaves & calves:—	{ No award; Claim not supported by evidence	
Hogs:—	2.00	
Dwelling & out-houses:—	{ one-half the claimed value	
Iron Rails:—		
Corn, per bushel	.50	
Garden of Vegetables:—	{ one-half the claimed value	
House furniture, beds, bedding,		
Cooking utensils, and		
Table furniture:—		

In consideration of these, and all other facts attainable, bearing upon the case, we believe it just and Equitable to award this claimant Robert Benjamin Three hundred and three dollars, sixty two and one-half cents.

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*[Signature]*

Prof. Major, Genl. H. S. A. - Supl. Ind. Affairs. S. Supl.

*[Signature]*

Captain U. S. Army